VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Joint Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 28, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

VMERS Members present:
PETER AMONS, Chairperson, Employee Representative (term expiring July 1, 2016) – via telephone
THOMAS GOLONKA, Vice-Chairperson, Employer Representative (term expiring July 1, 2016) – via telephone
DAVID ROWLEE, Employee Representative (term expiring July 1, 2018) – via telephone
ELIZABETH PEARCE, Vermont State Treasurer

Board members absent:
MEL HAWLEY, Employer Representative (term expiring July 1, 2018)

Also attending:
Laurie Lanphear, Director of Retirement Operations
Joshua McCormick, assistant to Tina Kawecki
Steven Wisloski, Deputy Treasurer
Matt Considine, Investment Manager

The Chairperson, Peter Amons, called the Thursday, June 11th, 2015, conference call meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, fourth floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1:   **Joint Meeting with VPIC and other Retirement Board of Trustees to consider Investment Return assumption.**

Mr. Peterson presented to the boards a handout on the assumption for the assumed rate of return. Mr. Peterson talked to the board about the GEMS model that is used and how it works. He spoke about the target asset allocation and capital market assumptions. He also spoke to the board about going from the former method of interest rate assumption, the select and ultimate method, to the now proposed Assumed Rate of Return method. Buck Consolidates is recommending using a percentage of 7.95% for the assumed rate of return. NEPC attested and affirmed that they are in agreement with Buck's recommendation.

On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Golonka, the board voted by roll call to adopt 7.95% as the actuarial rate of return.

ITEM 2:   Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Amons, the Board voted by roll call to adjourn at 9:02 a.m.

<u>Next Meeting Date</u>:

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Kawecki
Secretary to the Board